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Thank You to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

PRICE INDEX REMAINS ABOVE PREVIOUS YEAR

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during December was 123 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was unchanged from November but up 8 points (7 percent) from last year.

The **All Livestock Index** was up 2 points (2 percent) from last month and up 9 points (8 percent) from last year. Prices for steers and heifers were lower than in November, but the December prices for cows, calves, sheep, and lambs were all higher than last month. All livestock prices continued to be significantly above last year at this time with the exception of sheep. Cow prices were \$2.20 above December 2003 and \$1.20 above last month. Steer and heifer prices were \$2.00 lower than November but \$8.00 higher than last year. Calf prices averaged \$1.50 above last month and \$7.00 above December 2003. Sheep prices were \$1.50 above last month but \$10.20 below December 2003. Lamb prices were \$2.00 higher than last month and \$6.00 higher than a year ago.

The **All Crops Index** was down 3 points (3 percent) from November but was up 3 points (3 percent) from last year. Prices were slightly lower than last month for corn, oats, all wheat, alfalfa hay, and other hay. Prices were higher for feed barley and dry beans. All crops except corn and dry beans were lower this month compared with December 2003. Alfalfa hay was down \$1.00 from last month and down \$3.00 from last year. Other hay prices were \$2.00 lower than last month and \$3.00 lower than December 2003. Dry beans averaged \$12.40 higher than last year and the highest since May 2002. Corn was down 5 cents from last month but up 45 cents from last year.

The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

**UNITED STATES:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 112, based on 1990-92=100, is 3 points below the November Index. The Crop Index is down 8 points (7 percent) from November while the Livestock Index increased 1 point (1 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, dairy, eggs, and cauliflower. Lower prices were received for tomatoes, oranges, corn, and cotton.

The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of dairy, tobacco, and wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, grapes, and soybeans.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (2 percent) from December 2003. The Food Commodities Index decreased 4 points (3 percent) from last month to 118. The index is up 2 points (2 percent) from December 2003.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, DECEMBER 2003, NOVEMBER 2004, AND DECEMBER 15, 2004								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		DEC 2003	NOV 2004	DEC 15 2004	DEC 2003	NOV 2004	DEC 15 2004	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Cows	100#	49.80	50.80	52.00	49.20	48.90	48.70	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	104.00	114.00	112.00	95.60	90.20	91.90	—
Calves	100#	124.00	130.00	131.00	112.00	124.00	121.00	53
Sheep	100#	52.20	40.50	42.00	45.10	41.50	---	—
Lambs	100#	114.00	118.00	120.00	97.70	101.00	---	—
<b>CROPS</b>								
Corn	Bu.	2.10	2.55	2.50	2.31	2.05	1.99	30
Oats	Bu.	1.80	1.52	1.50	1.58	1.49	1.42	36
Feed Barley	Bu.	2.06	1.68	1.70	2.26	1.78	1.61	—
All Wheat	Bu.	3.44	3.30	3.25	3.68	3.46	3.38	34
Dry Beans	100#	14.60	26.80	27.00	17.40	25.80	27.10	52
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	79.00	77.00	76.00	87.00	94.00	92.40	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	73.00	72.00	70.00	66.50	67.80	67.10	—
1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. <b>NOTE:</b> Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.								
INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.								
1990-92 = 100		WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		DEC 2003	NOV 2004	DEC 15 2004	DEC 2003	NOV 2004	DEC 15 2004	
All Commodities		115	123	123	114	115	112	
All Crops		108	114	111	115	112	104	
All Livestock and Products		117	124	126	112	119	120	

2004 CROP PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2003; STILL ABOVE 2002

The Crop Production Index for **Wyoming** field crops in 2004 was 115 percent of the 1957-59 base. This is a decrease of 12 points from 2003 but still 25 points above the 2002 crop production index. Production of barley, oats, winter wheat, all hay, and dry beans all declined from 2003. Corn, sugarbeets, and spring wheat showed increases.

**SMALL GRAINS:** The 2004 Wyoming **winter wheat** production dropped 10 percent from the previous year to 3.51 million bushels. Farmers harvested 135,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2003. Yields averaged 26 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from 2003 but 7 bushels above 2002. **Spring wheat** production was 33 percent more than in 2003 and the most since 1999. Harvested acres were unchanged but yield averaged 40 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from 2003. **Barley** production was down 1 percent from 2003 but still 47 percent more than in 2003. The cool, wet weather early in the growing season along with good irrigation water supplies resulted in a 92 bushel per acre yield, down one bushel from the 2003 record high yield. Production of **oats** in the State in 2004 was down 28 percent from 2003. Production was still 6 percent above the 2002 crop. The average yield was up 5 bushels per acre.

**ROW CROPS:** **Corn for grain** production in Wyoming during 2004 totaled 6.68 million bushels, up 4 percent from 2003 and the largest since 2000. Yields averaged 131 bushels per acre, 2 bushels above the previous year.

ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY 2003 AND 2004

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	04/03 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		
<b>WYOMING</b>									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	85	90	50	51	129	131	6,450	6,681	104%
Corn Silage (tons)	—	—	34	37	22	22	748	814	109%
Winter Wheat (bu)	160	150	145	135	27	26	3,915	3,510	90%
Spring Wheat (bu)	8	10	6	6	30	40	180	240	133%
Oats (bu)	60	50	23	15	48	53	1,104	795	72%
Barley (bu)	90	90	75	75	93	92	6,975	6,900	99%
Sugarbeets (tons)	35.0	36.4	33.7	35.6	22.3	22.8	752	812	108%
Dry Beans (cwt)	30	25	29	24	22.2	22.5	645	541	84%
Pinto	24.5	22.0	23.8	21.3	22.1	22.5	526	479	91%
Great Northern	3.5	1.0	3.4	0.9	23.0	23.3	78	21	27%
Navy	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.4	22.2	25.0	20	10	50%
Other	1.0	1.5	0.9	1.4	23.3	22.1	21	31	148%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	650	450	2.50	2.80	1,625	1,260	78%
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	550	540	1.40	1.40	770	756	98%
All Hay (tons)	—	—	1,200	990	2.00	2.04	2,395	2,016	84%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	78,603	80,930	70,944	73,632	142.2	160.4	10,089,222	11,807,217	117%
Corn Silage (tons)	—	—	6,583	6,103	16.3	17.6	107,378	107,336	100%
Winter Wheat (bu)	45,384	43,350	36,753	34,462	46.7	43.5	1,716,721	1,499,434	87%
Spring Wheat (bu)	13,842	13,763	13,441	13,174	39.5	43.2	531,402	568,918	107%
Oats (bu)	4,597	4,085	2,220	1,792	65.0	64.7	144,383	115,935	80%
Barley (bu)	5,348	4,527	4,727	4,021	58.9	69.4	278,283	279,253	100%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,365.4	1,346.0	1,347.8	1,306.7	22.8	22.9	30,710	29,932	97%
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,406.1	1,354.3	1,346.9	1,219.3	16.70	14.60	22,492	17,799	79%
Pinto	663.9	650.9	639.2	573.7	16.35	13.62	10,453	7,814	75%
Great Northern	109.4	51.1	103.8	46.8	21.35	20.32	2,216	951	43%
Navy	158.2	185.1	150.9	162.5	16.66	13.18	2,514	2,142	85%
Other	474.6	467.2	453.0	436.3	16.13	15.80	7,309	6,892	94%
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	23,529	21,707	3.24	3.47	76,273	75,383	99%
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	39,854	40,209	2.04	2.05	81,312	82,391	101%
All Hay (tons)	—	—	63,383	61,916	2.49	2.55	157,585	157,774	100%

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

**Corn silage** production was up 9 percent from the previous year. Yields averaged 22 tons per acre, unchanged from 2003. **All dry bean** production was down 16 percent from 2003, down 13 percent from 2002, but 5 percent above 2001. Harvested area was down 5,000 acres from 2003. Average yield was up 30 pounds to 2,250 pounds per acre, only 10 pounds below the record yield set in 1997. **Pinto bean** production in Wyoming totaled 479,000 hundredweight, **great northern bean** production was 21,000 hundredweight, and **navy bean** production totaled 10,000 hundredweight. There was also 31,000 hundredweight of **other dry beans** produced. **Sugarbeet** production was up 8 percent from 2003. Planted acreage for beets was up 4 percent. Harvested acreage was up 6 percent from 2003. Average yield, at 22.8 tons per acre, was up 0.5 ton per acre and was the highest since 1981.

**HAY:** **All hay** production in Wyoming in 2004 was down 16 percent from the previous year, but up 26 percent from 2002. **Alfalfa hay** production was down 22 percent from last year, but 10 percent above 2002. Alfalfa acreage harvested was down 31 percent, but the average yield was up 0.5 ton to 2.8 tons per acre. **Other hay** production was down 2 percent from 2003 but 68 percent above 2002. Acreage cut for all other hay was down 10,000 acres from 2003 but up 90,000 acres from 2002. Average yield for other hay was 1.4 tons per acre, unchanged from 2003 but up 0.4 ton from 2002.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS DOWN 4 PERCENT; WYOMING UP 7 PERCENT				
WINTER WHEAT: AREA SEEDED SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2003-2005				
State	Crop Year			% 05/04
	2003	2004	2005	
	———— 1,000 Acres ————			
CO	2,600	2,300	2,650	115%
KS	10,500	10,000	10,100	101%
MT	1,900	1,900	2,150	113%
NE	1,900	1,850	1,850	100%
OK	6,700	6,200	5,800	94%
SD	1,650	1,650	1,500	91%
TX	6,600	6,300	5,800	92%
WY	160	150	160	107%
U.S.	45,384	43,350	41,567	96%

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on December 1, 2004. The inventory was slightly above December 1, 2003 and 4 percent above December 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during November were 10 percent below 2003 and 12 percent below 2002. This is the lowest placements for the month of November since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.64 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 590,000, 600-699 pounds were 557,000, 700-799 pounds were 326,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 270,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November were 6 percent above 2003 but 6 percent below 2002. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of November since the series began in 1996.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, DEC. 1, 2003-2004 1/						
State	On Feed Nov 1, 2004	Place- ments Nov 2004	Market- ings Nov 2004	Other Disapp. Nov 2004	On Feed Dec 1, 2004	On Feed Dec 1, 2003
	Thousand Head					
CO	1,090	175	155	10	1,100	1,060
KS	2,400	390	370	30	2,390	2,480
NE	2,210	410	310	10	2,300	2,280
TX	2,880	320	430	30	2,740	2,840
Oth Sts.	2,754	448	360	28	2,814	2,675
U.S.	11,334	1,743	1,625	108	11,344	11,335

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

WYOMING BREEDING HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

**WYOMING:** The December 1, 2003 inventory of all hogs and pigs in Wyoming totaled 114,000 head, compared with 124,000 head a year earlier. Breeding inventory was up 1,000 head from last year to 20,000 but market hogs were down 11,000 head to 94,000. The market hogs on hand consisted of 28,000 head (30%) under 60 pounds, 22,000 (23%) weighing between 60 and 119 pounds, 22,000 (23%) between 120 and 179 pounds and 22,000 (23%) weighing 180 pounds and over.

A total of 43,000 sows farrowed during the 12 month period ending December 1, 2004. The average litter rate was 8.8 pigs per sow for an annual pig crop of 378,000 pigs. The pig crop was down 7 percent from the same period a year earlier, when 45,000 sows farrowed 406,000 pigs.

**UNITED STATES:** **U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2004 was 60.5 million head. This was slightly up from December 1, 2003, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2004. **Breeding inventory**, at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2003, but up slightly from last quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 54.5 million head, was up slightly from last year, but 2 percent below last quarter.

**The September-November 2004 U.S. Pig crop**, at 25.6 million head, was up slightly from 2003 and up 2 percent from 2002. The annual U.S. pig crop for the 12 months ending December 1, 2004 totaled 102.3 million head, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY AND PIG CROP, WYOMING AND U.S., 2003-2004			
	2003	2004	% 04/03
	1,000 head		
WYOMING			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	124	114	92%
for Breeding	19	20	105%
for Market	105	94	90%
Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	45	43	96%
Pig Crop	406	378	93%
UNITED STATES			
All Hogs & Pigs, Dec 1	60,444	60,501	100%
for Breeding	6,009	5,969	99%
for Market	54,434	54,531	100%
Sows Farrowed, Dec-Nov 1/	11,429	11,445	100%
Pig Crop	101,490	102,305	101%
1/ December preceding year.			

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MONTHLY U.S. BEEF PRODUCTION UP 9 PERCENT

**Commercial red meat** production in *Wyoming* during November 2004 totaled 600,000 pounds, up 89 percent from the previous month and up 22 percent from November 2003. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

**January to November** red meat production, at 5.8 million pounds, was unchanged from the same period last year.

**United States: Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 3.77 billion pounds in November, up 7 percent from the 3.53 billion pounds produced in November 2003.

Beef production, at 1.94 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Pork production totaled 1.80 billion pounds, a new record for November, and up 5 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.5 million pounds, was up 1 percent from November 2003.

**January to November 2004 commercial red meat production** was 41.5 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 7 percent, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 2003 AND 2004, Wyoming and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Nov 2003	Nov 2004	Nov 2003	Nov 2004	% 04/03	Nov 2003	Nov 2004	Nov 2003	Nov 2004	% 04/03
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
Cattle	600	700	662	802	121	2,433,500	2,541,000	3,008,512	3,228,842	107
Hogs	300	300	82	94	115	8,597,400	8,963,600	2,316,151	2,416,669	104
Sheep & Lambs	200	100	21	16	76	236,100	242,100	32,538	32,934	101

WYOMING MILK PRODUCTION UP 8 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

**WYOMING:** The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during October-December 2004 averaged 4,100 head. The number of cows was down 100 head from the previous quarter but up 200 head from the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during 2004's fourth quarter was 15.6 million pounds, down 3 percent from the previous three months but up 8 percent from the same quarter last year. Production was the most for the fourth quarter since 2001.

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production in the U.S. during the October-December 2004 quarter totaled 41.9 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from October-December 2003. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.02 million head, 7,000 head more than the same period a year earlier.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., OCT-DEC, 2003 AND 2004					
State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2003
	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
WY	3.9	4.1	14.4	15.6	8.3
CA	1,696	1,741	8,695	9,130	5.0
CO	99	102	540	553	2.4
ID	412	434	2,209	2,301	4.2
MT	18	18	86	86	0.0
NE	62	61	270	264	-2.2
SD	80	80	321	335	4.4
UT	90	89	398	392	-1.5
WI	1,249	1,237	5,444	5,418	-0.5
US	9,011	9,018	41,532	41,895	0.9

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.